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Application No. 10/806,749
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ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2004 in the above-identified application for Letters Patent.

The examiner has stated that the application contains claims directed to the following two patentably distinct species of the claimed thermal imaging member:

A. First and second image-forming layers having different activation temperatures separated by an interlayer (claims 35 – 50); and

B. First and second image-forming layers separated by a first timing layer, a layer of fixing material and a second timing layer (claims 51 – 56).


Applicants have been required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is allowed.

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In order to comply with the requirement made by the examiner, applicants hereby elect the embodiment specified in paragraph A above, one of the species enumerated by the examiner for examination on the merits.

The claims which read on the elected species are 35 - 50.

Respectfully submitted,



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